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In re Application of : William C. Dykstra, et al.
For : METHOD OF FORMING A TUBULAR
BLANK INTO A STRUCTURAL
COMPONENT AND DIE THEREFOR
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Please amend the above referenced application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 1 with the following rewritten paragraph:

This patent application is a [continuation] divisional of Serial No. 09/944,769 filed September 4, 2001, which in turn is a continuation of Serial No. 09/481,376 filed on January 11, 2000, now United States Patent No. 6,322,645, which in turn claims the benefit of provisional application No. 60/155,969 filed September 24, 1999, now abandoned, and incorporated herein by reference.